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OF VIRUS ENTRY USING

RECOMBINANT VIRUS ASSAYS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.11

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Filed herewith are: (1) a partially executed Declaration; (2) a Fee Transmittal sheet; (3) a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136 extending the period for responding by three months from April 28, 2003, to and including July 28, 2003; (4) a Transmittal of Formal Drawings and (5) 13 sheets of formal drawings (Fig. 1A-9). Further, Applicants would like to bring the PTO's attention to an Information Disclosure Statement and a "List of References Cited by Applicant" (Form PTO-1449) that was filed with the PTO on May 8, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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